

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 1 as follows:

Ten g of polyacrylic amide having an average molecular weight of about 74,000 and 34 ml of water were mixed together to give an aqueous solution. Added thereto was ~~704~~ 7.04 g of 100% hydrazine monohydrate and the mixture was stirred for 15 hours at 50 to 57°C. The mixture was poured into methanol in 10-fold amount. Then white precipitate was formed, filtered and taken out. The precipitate was dried, giving polyacrylic hydrazide (Curing agent 1). The hydrazide conversion ratio was obtained by iodotitration.